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For:	USE OF ANTIOTENSIN II INHIBITORS TO PREVENT MALIGNANCIES ASSOCIATED WITH IMMUNOSUPPRESSION		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

In an Office Action mailed November 22, 2005, the Examiner has imposed a
Restriction Requirement to one of the following inventions under the provisions of 35 U.S.C.
§121:

Group I. Claims 1-2, 4, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or
metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with
an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor is an
angiotensin converting enzyme (ACE) inhibitor, classified in class 424,
subclass 184.1; class 514, subclass 1.

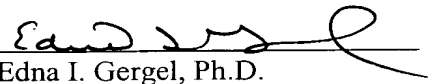
- Group II. Claims 1-3, 5, 12, 14 drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor comprises an *anti-angiotensin II antibody*, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.
- Group III. Claims 1-2, 6, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor comprises an *anti-angiotensin I antibody*, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.
- Group IV. Claims 1-2, 7, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor comprises an *anti-angiotensinogen antibody*, classified in class 424, subclass 130.1.
- Group V. Claims 1-3, 8, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor is a *protein or peptide*, classified in class 424, subclass 184.1.
- Group VI. Claims 1-2, 9-10, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the angiotensin II inhibitor is a *renin inhibitor*, classified in class 530, subclass 860.
- Group VII. Claims 1-2, 11, 14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor *blocks expression of angiotensinogen*, classified in class 514, subclass 44.
- Group VIII. Claims 1-2, 13-14, drawn to a method for reducing or preventing formation or metastasis of a neoplasm in a mammal comprising treating the mammal with an effective amount of an angiotensin II inhibitor wherein the inhibitor is a small molecule, classified in class 514, subclass 1.

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants elect the subject matter defined by the claims of Group VIII (claims 1-2 and 13-14), without traverse.

Applicants reserve the right to pursue the claims of the non-elected Groups in divisional applications.

It is now believed that this application is in condition for further consideration and examination. If resolution of any remaining issues are required prior to examination of the application, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner contact Applicants' agent at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,


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